

Chapter 1

Purpose and Need

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

1. Section 1.3 Purpose and Need and Scope (1.1 in DEIS) was clarified by moving purpose and need information from other parts of the Chapter
2. Formatting edited, including adding the Chapter Title
3. Issues discussion was focused and some redundancy eliminated in the Chapter
4. Public land acreage was updated to reflect Catellus Phase II and III acquisitions and exchanges in the planning area

Chapter 2

Proposed Plan and Alternatives

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

- 1 The Proposed Plan has been altered from the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS (see next paragraph) as a result of public comments, discussion with other local, state and federal agencies, and BLM internal review, including the need for consistency among the various concurrent plans which together amend the CDCA Plan. Changes from the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS include:
 - a. Section 2.1 Standards and Guidelines: minor technical (*program consistency*)
 - b. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: inclusion of clarifying language wrt management of grazing leases in DWMA's (*DAC grazing TRT*)
 - c. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: change in procedures for programmatic tiered biological opinion (*discussions with USFWS*)
 - d. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: change in restriction period (*plan-plan consistency: Biological Opinion for the Mojave National Preserve*)
 - e. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: change in utilities exclusion to 100 acre limit (*plan-plan consistency and discussions with USFWS*)
 - f. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: change in burro strategy (*lack of availability of waters outside of DWMA's on public lands and Mojave National Preserve strategy*)
 - g. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: provide for alternative grazing research in DWMA's, consistent with Experiment Grazing Management parameters of the recovery plan (*DAC Grazing TRT*)
 - h. Section 2.2 Desert Tortoise Recovery: modify Ivanpah DWMA slightly to provide for the Freeman exchange (*DAC Resolution*)
 - i. Section 2.4.2 Carson Slough T&E Plants: minor technical (*Added total acreage to clarify numbers in table*)

- j. Section 2.6, Table 2.17 (Table 2.9 in the DEIS): Corrected numbers in the SummaryTable (*error*)
- k. Section 2.10 Motor Vehicle Access/Routes of Travel Designations inventory and designation changes (refer to text, Appendix Q, and maps for a number of corrections, modifications and clarifications (*based on technical input and public comment*))
- l. Section 2.12.3 W&SR, No Action alternative revised to provide a baseline for analysis of effects (*NEPA compliance*)

- 2 The Preferred Alternative with the changes identified above is now called the Proposed Plan in the Final EIS, which is the shortened version of “Proposed Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Management Plan.”
- 3 Additional alternatives that have been brought forward are discussed in Section 2.13 Alternatives Considered But Dismissed From Further Analysis
- 4 The Summary of Impacts Tables at the end of Chapter 2 have been updated to reflect numerous changes that have been made to Chapter 4.

Chapter 3

Affected Environment

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

- 1 Updated Section 3.3.3 Air Quality throughout
- 2 Updated Section 3.4 Cultural Resources relating to our programmatic agreement with SHPO
- 3 Updated Section 3.5 Wild Horses and Burros to provide additional historical context for current management situation, added additional HMA-specific information for Clark Mountain and Chicago Valley HMAs, and added Table 3.4 showing Burro Removals and demographics from Clark Mountain HMA
- 4 Updated Section 3.6 Cattle Grazing to show recent changes in allotments and leases
- 5 Included acreage updates in Section 3.13.2 reflecting Catellus Phase II and III acquisitions and exchanges, completed as of May 31, 2002

Chapter 4

Environmental Consequences

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

1. This chapter has extensive changes to improve the discussion of environmental consequences as a result of public comments and internal review. Reasons, facts and analysis are related throughout this chapter and numerous literature citations have been added. The context of impacts is also presented.
2. A final, new section has been added that relates cumulative impacts.
3. The summary comparison table of impacts for the alternatives can be found at the end of Chapter 2.

Chapter 5

Consultation and Coordination

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

1. Section 5.2.2 has been expanded to reflect USFWS consultation activities and updated to reflect the receipt of biological opinions for desert tortoise and listed plants
2. Section 5.4 has been added to identify recipients of the FEIS, as of this printing (July 1, 2002)

Chapter 6

Document Support

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

- 1 The support list has been updated to include contributors since the DEIS
- 2 The glossary has been clarified and expanded, based on public comment

Chapter 7

Plan Monitoring

This is a new Chapter—some information was previously scattered in other parts of the document, most is new. It is separate from the specific monitoring for components of DT recovery (Appendix D), and relates to overall success of the plan—in being implemented and in ultimately achieving its goals.

Chapter 8

Geographic Information (Figures and Maps)

Changes to this chapter in developing the FEIS

- 1 Combined Maps 4b and 4c (4b. Shadow Valley and 4c. Northern Ivanpah/Ivanpah Valleys) to show routes of travel network for entire DWMA
- 2 Added maps 4c-4h to portray various alternative routes of travel networks
- 3 Added maps 15a-15c to portray W&SR segments for 3 eligible streams
- 4 Edited several maps to improve clarity, make minor changes consistent with public comments, internal review, and narratives in Chapters 2 and 4

